

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-30 are pending.

Claim Objections

The Examiner stated that claim numbers are not in sequence and are assigned same numbers and they are objected to because of the following informalities:

Two claims are assigned the same number 14.

Claim number 23 is missing.

Applicant has canceled the 'second' claim 14 and has placed it as new claim 23.

Claims Rejections – 35 USC § 112

The Examiner stated that claims 2-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant has amended claims 2-5 to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The Examiner stated that claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6437818 to Ludwig et al. (hereinafter "Ludwig").

Independent claim 1 has been amended to add the following limitations: gathering the stored endpoint address information into a bundle at a start of the collaboration session, the multimedia collaboration system configured to automatically obtain the bundled endpoint address information from each of the client devices based on associated services use when a new media type is added. Support for such limitations, which can be found at least on page 8 of the instant invention, are not taught or suggested by Ludwig.

For the reasons described above, Applicant respectfully believes the current independent claim, as well as the claims that depend from it, are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be passed to allowance.

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